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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/016860, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on June 14, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

- (1) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 913 849, together with following family members:
 - (a) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-329213, together with an English language abstract of the same;
 - (b) Japanese Patent No. 2987140, Applicants note that the Japanese patent is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application; and
 - (c) U.S. Patent No. 6,249,080;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0190624, together with family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0031955;
- (3) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 094 485, together with family member U.S. Patent No. 6,765,342;
- (4) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 980 089, together with family member U.S. Patent No. 6,388,376; and
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,211,608, together with family member U.S. Patent No. 6,425,791.

Applicants would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

- (6) Japanese Patent No. 3112456, along with an English Language Abstract;
- (7) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-155622, together with an English language abstract of the same, along with the following family members;
 - (a) European Patent Publication No. EP 1 003 195; and

(b) U.S. Patent No. 6,285,118.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cited the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to
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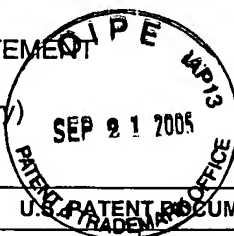
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	1	English Language Abstract of JP 11-329213.
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